CARD:

To the Electors of the County of Annapolis;—

GENTLEMEN—

We unitedly accept the invitation to become Candidates for the Representation of the County of Annapolis, with which we have been honored, that the Conservatives and the supporters of the Government, should, through the Canvass and at the Election, know us but as one, in object and in interest.

The people of Nova Scotia are called upon to put down the baneful attempt at proscription on account of religious opinion now being openly and boldly made.—Sound policy no less than justice demands that liberty of conscience, and equality in civil rights should be preserved inviolate; for the principles which may be required to-day to protect from oppression one class of the community, would be the only safeguard on which other classes could securely rely against similar aggression hereafter.

Since your last exercise of the Elective Franchise a change has been made in the representation.

In this County—Wilmot, Albany, East Dalhousie, Springfield, Maitland and other settlements have been elevated from the condition of inferiority in which they have long been allowed to continue, as respects this essential privilege; and Annapolis and Granville, by their Representatives have generously conceded equality of political rights to their fellow inhabitants of the County in which their common lot is cast. The first fruits of the change is the appeal of three Candidates to the united constituency of the whole County; and we should wrong you did we doubt our finding a very general appreciation of the claim which the Government has established to your confidence and regard, by this act of just and liberal policy.

On the existing questions of principal importance, we shall seek opportunities to address you more at large than we can do in this card.

We trust it is needless to profess our earnest interest in your welfare and advancement.

One of us is bound by the grateful recollection of your unwavering and affectionate confidence, through a long period which, filled, as it has been, with eventful changes, has seen no change in your kindness and support.

The others—born and grown up among you—acknowledge no interest, foreign from yours—no object of pride higher than the elevation of their native County.

We are, Gentlemen,
Your Obedient Servants,
J. W. JOHNSTON,
MOSES SHAW,
AVARD LONGLEY.